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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR OFF-COMPOUND RESIDENTIAL GUARD SERVICE

REF: A.) JIDDA 4590 AND PREVIOUS, B.) STATE 164105

1. NEA/EX PERSONNEL, OFFICE OF SECURITY REPRESENTATIVES, RSO GUTENSOHM AND DCM HORAN MET TODAY TO DISCUSS INCREASING THREAT OF CRIME IN JIDDA AND, SPECIFICALLY, EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR GUARD SERVICE AT ALL RESIDENCES OFF-COMPOUND.

2. FIRST CONSIDERATION IS OF COURSE SAFETY OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND SECURITY OF HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS. STEPS TO BE TAKEN WHICH BUREAU AND SY CONCLUDED WERE NECESSARY AND MOST EFFECTIVE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

A.) INSTEAD OF ASSIGNING ONE GUARD PER HOUSE (WHICH IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF MARGINAL VALUE AT BEST AND IS NOT BEST USE OF EITHER

BUREAU OR SY LIMITED FUNDS) SUGGESTION HAS BEEN MADE TO INCREASE PRESENT LOCAL GUARD FORCE UP TO EIGHT ADDITIONAL GUARDS. THIS WILL PROVIDE FOR THE STATIONING OF GUARDS AT RESIDENCES TO MEET PARTICULAR TEMPORARY NEED AND ON A NON-SCHEDULED ROTATIONAL BASIS AT OTHER TIMES, PLUS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A ROVING PATROL TO CHECK RESIDENCES.

B.) SY IS LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITY OF ASSIGNING VEHICLE TO JIDDA WHICH WILL BE USED FOR GUARD PURPOSES.

C.) SY PLANS PROVIDE ELECTRICAL CONTACT ALARMS FOR VULNERABLE DOORS AND WINDOWS OF THESE OFF-COMPOUND HOUSES. A REGIONAL SY/T TECHNICIAN WILL VISIT JIDDA AND ASSIST WITH INSTALLATION.

D.) EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS SHOULD BE REMINDED OF THEIR OWN RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING SAFE-GUARDING THEIR OWN AND GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PROPERTY. IT IS NOT CONSIDERED AN UNREASONABLE REQUIREMENT THAT EMPLOYEES TAKE THE SAME PRECAUTIONS WITH THEIR HOMES OVERSEAS THAT ONE WOULD EXERCISE IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA.

E.) LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, OF ACTIONS DESIGNED TO PROTECT EMPLOYEES FROM CRIMINAL ACTS IS REMINDER THAT PROTECTION OF FOREIGN DIPLOMATS IS RESPONSIBILITY OF HOST GOVERNMENT. IF MEASURES TAKEN BY EMPLOYEES AND EMBASSY ARE INSUFFICIENT AS A DETERENT, AND IF SAG UNWILLING PROVIDE ASSISTANCE (REF A), SIZE OF EMBASSY STAFF WILL NEED TO BE REVIEWED FROM STANDPOINT OF PROVIDING ADEQUATE PROTECTION.

3. GUTENSOHM PLANS RETURN JIDDA BEFORE END OF JULY AND WILL DISCUSS WITH POST FURTHER. KISSINGER

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